of 70 candidates were found included in both the lists, making the total number of candidates as 152. The second requisition to the Employment was necessitated so as to broad-base the selection since out of the first list only 79 per cent furnished their bio-data and most of the candidates did not fulfil the prescribed conditions of experience etc.

(c) and (d) Out of 152 candidates, 57 SC/ST candidates who were found eligible were called for interview. Since the panel for selection has already been declared and only those sponsored candidates who did not fulfil the requisite experience and also did not furnish the bio-data were not called for interview, the question of giving them another opportunity does not arise.

(e) According to DESU, the requisite information is as follows:

| Position as on | No. of Vacancies | |
|---|---|---|
| | SC | ST |
| 31-12-1990 . . | 10 | 6 |
| 31-03-1991 . . | 17 | 7 |

**Prices of Diesel and Kerosene**

1025. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out the scheme to roll back prices of diesel, kerosene to July 1990 level; if so, details thereof; and

(b) what were the prices of these commodities in July, 1990 and their current prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS: (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The basic ceiling selling price ex-storage point of kerosene for other than industrial use has been reduced by 10 per cent with effect from 25th July, 1991.

(b) The ex-storage point prices of diesel and kerosene in July, 1990 and at present are as follows:

| | In July 1990 | Rs./KL at present |
|---|---|---|
| Diesel . . | 3633.53 | 4541.91 |
| Kerosene* . | 1956.93 | 2201.54 |

*(Non-industrial use)

**Private Sector Participation in the field of Oil and Gas Exploration**

1026. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to throw open proven oil and gas fields to foreign firms for development;

(b) if so, reasons and terms and conditions therefor; and

(c) what will be the immediate benefits as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) No Sir, except for the inclusion of one block where a small oilfield has been found in the Fourth Round of Bidding.

**LP Gas connection on the recommendation of M.Ps.**

1027. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether L.P. gas connection